Allocation of funds for sponsored schemes

1613. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State-wise allocation of funds for Centrally-sponsored schemes are decided on the basis State-wise poverty estimates;

(b) if so, which poverty estimates are used to decide upon such fund allocation; and

(c) whether Government intend to undertake fresh poverty estimates in view of the problems associated with the BPL census conducted in 1997 and 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Central allocation of funds to the State Governments under the schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development is done mainly on the basis of proportion of rural poor in a State/UT to the total rural poor in the country, according to the estimates of the Planning Commission on the poverty incidence. However, under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) the shortage of houses is also taken into account and similarly in case of other Schemes parameters specific to the scheme are also taken into account in addition to the poverty incidence. The poverty estimates of the Planning Commissison are based on the results of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO).

(c) According to the information given by the Planning Commission, fresh poverty estimates will be computed on the basis of the results of 61st Round of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), which is a large sample survey on Households Consumption Expenditure.

Debarring from contesting elections to Panchayati Raj bodies

1614. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to debar those not having a toilet in their houses from fighting elections to Panchayati Raj bodies;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, and steps so far taken in this regards; and

(c) the percentage of households in the rural areas which are still devoid of toilet facilities in Punjab, Haryana, U.P., Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and the country as a whole?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Government of India has suggested to State Governments to amend their State Panchayati Raj Acts to make it mandatory to construct household toilets by all the elected members of the Panchayati Raj Institutions, as already done in some States. This suggestion has been made to accelerate sanitation coverage in rural areas, as members of the Panchayati Raj Institutions are role models for the people and lead by example.

(c) As per Census 2001, percentage of household in the rural areas which are still devoid of toilet facilities in Punjab, Haryana, U.P., Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and the country as a whole is given in the table below:

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Percentage of households devoid of toilet facilities
1.	Bihar	86.90
2.	Haryana	71.34
3.	Madhya Pradesh	91.06
4.	Punjab	59.09
5.	Uttar Pradesh	80.77
6.	All India	78.08

Central Assistance for computerization of land records in Orissa

1615. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa Government has undertaken computerization of land records with 100 per cent Central assistance;